Consultants Private Ltd. as per the terms of the agreement between IDPL and M/s. Neel Madhvan Consultants Private Ltd. That Department had further informed that the Department of Public Enterprise had been asked to look into the matter to advise them on further course of action. The Department of Public Enterprises have not yet completed the study and have therefore not tendered any advice so far.

[*English*]

Raids by Food Inspectors

1820. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of raids had been conducted and samples lifted by the Food Inspectors of the department of prevention of Food Adulteration, New Delhi during the last one had a half years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). As per the information received from Delhi Administration the Department of prevention of Food Adulteration, had carried out 268 inspections and lifted 784 samples during the last one had a half years (April, 1990 to October, 1991), out of which 118 samples were declared adulterated/misbranded.

The Department of Food Adulteration, Delhi has been organising educational campaigns for Vendors.

[*Translation*]

Endanger to Vegetations

1821. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey reported that nearly 5000 vegetations are in danger of extinction/destruction;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the protection of these vegetations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to Botanical Survey of India, about 1500 species of flowering plants are in danger of extinction.

(b) The reasons are:

(i) increasing biotic pressure,

(ii) impact of developmental projects on environment.

(c) The Government have taken following steps:

(i) Restriction in diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose under the Forest (Conservation Act, 1980);

(ii) The Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 has been amended to include wild flora alongwith wild fauna for projection.

(iii) Special programmes of conservation for mangroves and wetlands have been launched.

[*English*]

Deatha in Hospitals

1822. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: